



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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Roll Call **TIME** 00:57

William Snavelly Mayor	Chantel Ragu Vice Mayor
Jason Bracken	Amber Franklin
Alex French	Glenn Ellerbe
David Prytherch	

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice-Mayor Chantel Raghu on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Bracken, David Prytherch, Amber Franklin, Alex French, and Glenn Ellerbe. Mayor William Snavelly was excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Pledge of Allegiance **TIME** 00:02

Approval of the Agenda **TIME** 00:21

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Public Participation **TIME** 01:18

Presentation – HRSA Grant – Cecilie McGhehey, Miami University – slides included in minutes. Ms. McGhehey presented information on the grant that she and her team were awarded and what their next steps are.

Public Comments

The purpose of the Public Comments Section is for members of the Public to speak to the City Council on any subject not scheduled on the Agenda, except Consent Agenda items. City Council values your comments, and Council rules limit public comments to five minutes for each person. Presentations are not to be in the form of public debate, personal attacks on Council, City staff or other members of the public and Council shall not act except to direct the City Manager to take action or schedule the matter for discussion at a later date.

Resident Name address Resident Comment / Request

Consent Agenda **TIME** 20:30

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Council member may, however, remove an item from consent by request. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of the February 15, 2022 City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 5 of the Agenda Packet**
- B. Report regarding the February 10, 2022 Oxford Recreation Board Meeting (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director) **Page 48 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

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Resolutions

Resolution No. 7380 **TIME** 20:51

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A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept the Oxford Community Foundation
Grant in an Amount not to Exceed \$12,000 (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7380

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7381 **TIME** 22:46

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A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept the Ohio Department of Natural
Resources Grant in an Amount not to Exceed \$10,000. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7381

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Resolution No. 7382 **TIME** 24:18

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A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Site Access Agreement with the Owl's Landing Subdivision Developer. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7382

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Prytherch

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Ordinances

Ordinances are adopted using a two-step procedure. First reading introduces the Ordinance and provides an opportunity for public input on the subject as well as allowing Council to request more information as needed. Second reading is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider new information and to deliberate.

First Reading

Ordinance No. 0000**TIME** 28:45

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An Ordinance Approving the Final Subdivision Application and Plat for South Forest Edge Section 2 With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Ordinance No. 0000**TIME** 31:37

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An Ordinance Accepting the Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Approving the Final Planned Development Application to Allow for Further Commercial Development of an 11.28 Acre Site Incorporating the MayDay Gun Range to Contain a New Business Incubator and Storage Facility with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Comments from the Public – Scott Webb, Architect – Mr. Webb spoke in opposition of sidewalk and pedestrian bridge condition. After discussion City Staff will revisit and revise conditions before the second reading.

Ordinance No. 0000**TIME** 01:10:12

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An Emergency Ordinance Accepting Easements Necessary for the Construction of Phase IV of the Oxford Area Trail System. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Ordinance No. 0000**TIME** 01:11:07

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An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3654 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 3 to Make Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Second Reading - None

Announcements & Communications

In an effort to improve accessibility and transparency we will provide full transcripts until closed captioning for the video can be provided.

Remarks from City Council and City Staff **TIME** 01:12:54

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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:51 p.m. **TIME** 01:22:29

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 6

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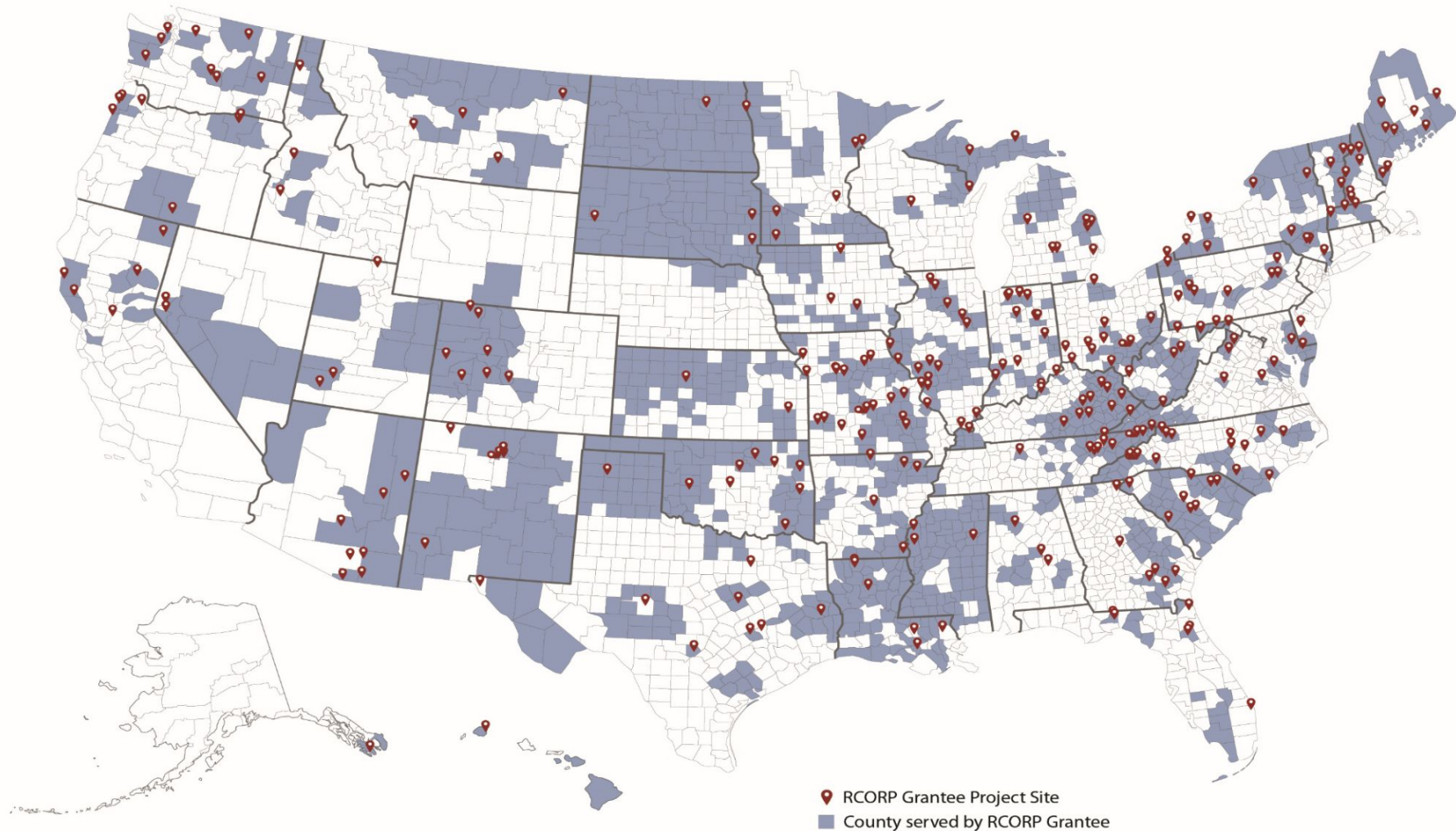


Hope Lives Here



Rural Communities Opioid Response Program

RCORP is a multi-year initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in rural communities at the highest risk for SUD.





United, Oxford Chooses Hope

Find us where a community comes together. Where we help our neighbors and friends when they need it the most. Where we shine a light on addiction without shame and build a road to recovery.

Consortium Members



**Butler County
Mental Health
and Addiction
Recovery Service
Board**

**Talawanda
School District**

**Miami University
Coalition for a
Health
Community-
Oxford area**

**TriHealth
McCullough-Hyde
Memorial
Hospital**

**Epiphany
Community
Services**

Additional support:

The Regional Regional
Harm Reduction
Collaborative

Butler County General
Health District



CONSORTIUM GOALS

01

Lower the barriers to resources.

02

Lessen the stigma attached to addiction.

03

Identify and strengthen local recovery community.



Peer Connection

- DeCoach Rehabilitation Centre at McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital.
- Peers with lived experience.
- Offering services to those in the OB and ER (3 days a week in person).
- Follow up with individual for up to a year.



Miami University Initiatives

Generation Rx, Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), medication lock bags, Campus wellness days, and drug take back events.

Local Programs

- City of Oxford and Oxford Township drug take-back events.
- Medication safety presentations.
- Medication drop boxes.
- Free billing and coding training to local SUD providers.





Grassroots Campaign

Oxford area businesses have partnered for printing and distribution of information.



STUDENT LIFE

Volunteers and Subcommittees

- Coalition for a Healthy Community - Oxford Area.
- Coalition - Mental Health.
- Coalition - AOD.
- ACC/MOSAIC.
- Partners in Wellness.

Where Hope Lives



Harm reduction

Service provided every
Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Partnering with
local events

Attend local social
services events to lower
barriers.



Connecting
resources

Meeting and introducing
possible partners to
grow services for clients.

Where Hope Lives



Subcommunities

Identifying local subcommunities and addressing individual concerns.



Local school district

Connecting families with programs.



Not just 45056

Creative ways to reach all community members that identify with Oxford.

Looking Ahead



COMMUNITY TRAINING

Free Naloxone trainings
to community members.



MORE DRUG TAKE BACK DAYS

Both in the community
and on Miami's campus.



TRANSPORTATION

Free assistance to/from
substance use care.



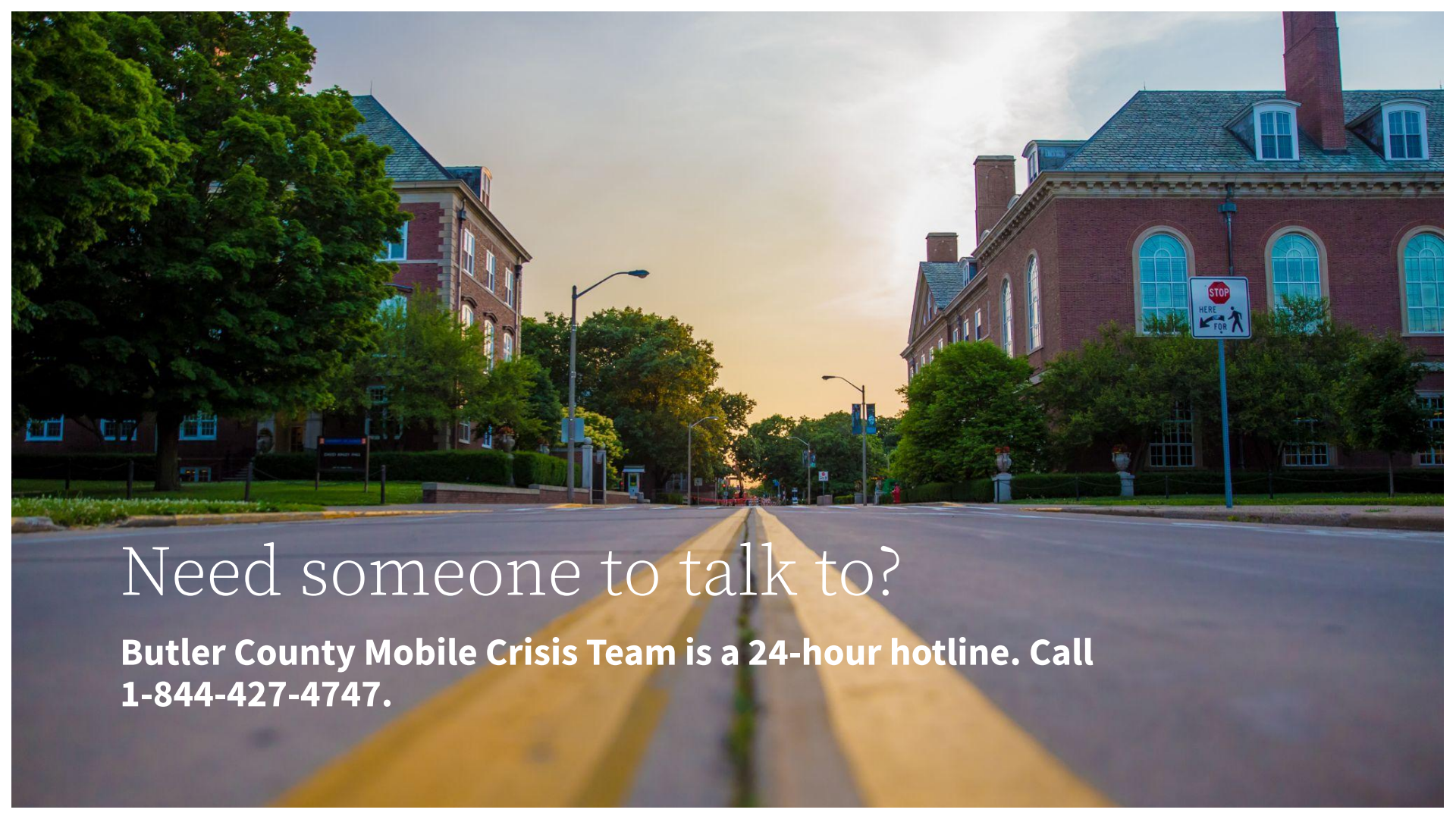
RECOVERY COMMUNITIES

Support the
development of local
recovery communities.



Questions?

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1-844-427-4747.**

Group: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: If we have a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Franklin: So moved.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Second?

Ms. French: Seconded.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: All opposed? For the public participation, we'll start it off with a presentation by Cecilie McGhehey from Miami University for the HRSA grants.

Clerk: We need to do a roll call.

Clerk: Yeah. Sorry. Mr. Ellerbe?

Mr. Ellerbe: Here.

Clerk: Ms. Franklin

Ms. Franklin: Here.

Clerk: Ms. French

Ms. French: Here.

Clerk: Mr. Prytherch

Mr. Prytherch: Yes, here.

Clerk: Mr. Bracken?

Mr. Bracken: Here.

Clerk: Vice-Mayor Raghu

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Here.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Okay, now we are ready for the presentation.

Ms. McGhehey: Thank you all for having me. My name is Cecilie McGhehey. My maiden name is Hughes. I live at 2796 Somerville road in Milford township, but I grew up on College Avenue. I think it's called Aspen now. Until I was about 14. I do have a lot of experience in town and a lot of heart here. Just to jump right into it, I work at Miami University as a project director on a HRSA grant. All of the things that I'm about to talk about are completely funded through this grant. A lot of neat things. I work on a few committees with Jessica Green and she asked that I present it.

To jump right in, the state of Ohio has been at the forefront of the addiction crisis since the opioid epidemic came to light in early 2000s. Butler County ranked third in the state for the number of unintentional drug overdose deaths by the county for the period of 2013 to 2018. There is a slight lag of information as far as even looking up staff for our county. I know that Chief Detherage or I believe it's Jordan Meyer, the epidemiologist at Butler County general health districts, he can also answer some questions about giving some local numbers.

Oxford township is a HRSA designated rural area. Due to its rural nature, these areas face unique challenges, as we all have found out, with mental health, with challenges in prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts within our community. The rural community's opioid response program is a multi-year initiative that addresses barriers to treatment for substance use disorder, SUDs, including opioid use disorder. R Corp is supported through HRSA's federal office of rural health policy. R Corp has actually invested in 298 million across 1,420 counties since 2018. We're lucky enough to be one of those counties.

Here's the map that shows rural designated areas. I am currently in great conversation with that department on trying to understand why some other areas around Oxford are not considered in that. I might do a Shawshank Redemption style and send them an email a day, but I'm not there yet. It's once a week. Unfortunately the isolation and lack of access to treatment and untreated mental illness during the pandemic has only accentuated this issue. Initially there was a spike right after everything shut down with overdose deaths, but then when everything was lifted for a little bit, the numbers evened out to what the historical numbers were in the past.

In 2019, oddly enough before the pandemic started, the Butler County Mental Health And Addiction Recovery Services Board reached out to the Coalition For A Healthy Community. Amy, wave your hand, yay. To see if there was any interest in this grant, and there was. As a stipulation for the grant, a consortium of community partners was formed to, for sustainability purposes, just to make sure that there was drive and a lot of community partners that actually thought that this was something that we needed, and it is. They were awarded a \$1 million grant over a three year period of time.

The consortium members are Butler County Mental Health And Addiction Recovery Services Board, which is a fiscal agent for distributing the funds,

Talawanda School District, Miami University, Coalition For Healthy Community Oxford Area, TriHealth and Epiphany Community Services, which does the evaluation, making sure that we're hitting all the points that we need to in the grant. We also have additional support in our meetings from the Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative, and I'll go over more of what they're doing in our community, because it's a lot of big things. Then also recently, Butler County General Health District. I will also share more information about that because we will be wanting to host a town hall meeting in May with some of the involved parties here.

Did I turn it off? There we go. Consortium goals. These are just broad goals. Generally speaking with our core goals, lower the barriers to resources. Transportation is obviously a big issue, and having providers in our area is another issue. Same thing with mental health, which coincides with substance use disorder. Also to lessen the stigma attached to addiction, a personal remark about why I have an interest in this. My mother was an alcoholic and she also was addicted to painkillers. It ultimately took her life. It didn't take a whole lot for me to say that out loud, but because she was somebody in the community, there are people that we're very surprised about that. I just don't want people to feel weird. It's a part of everyone's life.

Also just identifying that in strengthening the local recovery community, so finding family members and individuals who are dealing with that, just making sure that they know that they have a place and they don't have to hide it. Another part that we did with our campaign for strengthening the recovery community is trying to show people those skills for when they're at Christmas or at Thanksgiving or holidays or the 4th of July or Kwanzaa or anything of that sort. They were sitting down with their families that they haven't seen in a while and noticing some of those triggers that they might be having, to go, "Hey." Having a number and giving them those resources and feeling comfortable instead of trying to hide it.

This is a very neat opportunity that we are doing, able to get through at McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital. It actually just started about a week ago. It's a peer connection. These are peers that have lived experience in this. It's not someone that's trained and brought in. They are trained, but they have gone through recovery themselves. Currently McCullough-Hyde had asked for a female identifying peer connection so that they can go in and talk with the OB department, because that also seems to be where the need is in this area and where some potential individuals that could use these resources are being seen. They follow up with them for up to a year, as long as they're willing to engage. Even in the hospital, when that individual is not comfortable talking with them, they'll still keep talking, phone calls, texts later. It's three days a week in person. Then after that, it's got telehealth on the days that they can't be there. That's another point, is the next year, hopefully to stay that up to all around.

Miami University, we've got Generation RX, which was created by students for students. It's just educating on safe medication disposal and locking things up. Our HAWKS peer educators group is actually going to be sharing that out to dorms, in classes, sometimes Greek life, whoever's requesting this, but getting that information out and we... This grant supplied funds to do some of the printing and get some of the materials out. Also, the SBIRT, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. Any student that comes to the student health center is going to be screened when they come in there, even for a cough or a cold or broken leg, they are screened with SBIRT. It just gives you signs and let a clinician know if an individual could use a referral for substance use.

Also some of the funding from the grant has provided for the ever so popular Campus Wellness Days and also Drug Take Back Days, which are also happening in our community. Our local programs... Oh no, the picture. It had local people in it. That's okay. Picture local people. The city of Oxford and Oxford Township has been doing local Drug Take Back Days, which are great. Also they've been able to do medication safety presentations and the Knolls, the Oxford Senior Center. Then there are also medication drop boxes where you can drop off your old and unused medications at any time. I think it's Miami Police Department, Oxford Police Department, and the township building. Another service that we were able to provide is a free billing and coding training to entice providers to want to provide these services. Sometimes providers are hesitant to take this on because they're not getting the full billing. We provided a billing and also bought them books to hopefully pull people into our area.

Then as far as the grassroots campaign, we've had a lot of local businesses trying to put money back into the area, Oxford Coffee Shop, we've done Kroger, The Roses, Kofenya, Dubois Warehouse, which will also show up on another slide. We've been really happy with the response. Then city of Oxford, the police department, if people just taking this on and going, "Yes, we want to do this." Volunteers... Oh, this one had a lovely picture of Pat Haysman. It's okay, she's got a smile and she's holding a sign.

We are lucky enough that a lot of members of our consortium are part of other groups in our community, which helps with sustainability and knowing that even when this grant funding will ultimately run out at a time, but there are going to be other opportunities because we have people involved in other groups with ears listening in for other grants. We hopefully have another grant that we're looking at soon here to supplement it and hopefully stretch this out.

This is where the meat and potatoes of it is, the harm reduction. I also threw in a picture of Jessica. Harm reduction. That is a really neat. Dubois Warehouse over on College Corner Pike, which is right across from one of the communities... Oops. That can be serviced for these services. It offers fentanyl testing strips, Naloxone. Free Naloxone, no questions asked. Safer sex supplies, medical referrals, hepatitis C and HIV testing, the rapid testing. That's offered... It was during the wintertime a little bit more spread out, but now it's every

Wednesday from 11 to 1. Please, if there is a way to get that shared out to the community, and even more so we're trying to let it happen organically. It did on Facebook a couple weeks back. We were really happy with that.

Then TOPSS. We have layperson distributors in the community, and these are just regular people that just have a passion. Either, they have a personal story like myself, or they volunteer at TOPSS or the Family Resource Center. They get signed up with the Butler County General Health District and they can distribute Narcan themselves. We had a beautiful organic distribution where we got some to a community, a resident of the community was like, "They're not going to take it from you because they don't know you." They got the Narcan and they are now distributing it in their community because they're... They themselves are actually going through the recovery process. This is exactly how it was supposed to happen. It just happened like a couple days ago.

Then the Family Resource Center. We are trying to meet people where they are. We're trying to partner with events and local businesses to where some of those individuals who are seeking other services so they can have access. I was able to meet with Brad and introduce him to DeCoach. There might be some services on the docket for him to be meeting with some individuals from DeCoach and potentially creating a partnership there. DeCoach is a rehabilitation center.

Let's see. Sub communities or pocket communities... Also, I'd like to refer to them as we have communities here, PVA, Miami Mobile Home Park that are communities that could be using these resources along with other places in our town. But just acknowledging that they all have different goals and different ideas of what they want to do with their communities and within their communities. We are really good and have great partners at identifying that and getting things done that they want to. Because of that, some of the initiatives that we have brought up or that I have talked about in this presentation, they are deciding to move forward with those as well.

Local school district, obviously Talawanda, and which is helping us to be a little creative with our 45056. Because of that being an R Corp rural area defined, we're finding out that it works at Talawanda with our large school district, that we are finding other ways to get resources out. Then looking ahead, we have a lot of other community trainings and ideas to come up to assist the town. If you have ideas, the same thing with the pocket communities and the sub communities, please let us know. I am happy to take ideas back to the consortium and share these. That's the only way that we can continue to grow this. Thank you so very much for having me. Are there any questions?

Vice-Mayor Raghu: That was a great presentation. That's really exciting. There's so many tangible things that you all are working on.

- Ms. Franklin: I'm curious to know about initiatives that have come from within the community so far specifically, can you talk a little bit about...
- Ms. McGhehey: Yes. Amy... I didn't even get to talk about Talawanda School District, so yeah. Do you want me to talk about what the initiatives in the community with Talawanda, or? Okay. The community, it was brought to light that Talawanda needed a... was hoping to assess the wellbeing of students and knowing that those growth, those things that... Let me see what I put on here. I apologize. The student wellbeing is commonly valued, but is not commonly measured in school districts. Because of this, funds from this grant purchased a survey to capture the wellbeing of students. Actually, if you have a student in Talawanda, I received this email about four or five days ago, that that survey was being sent out. We can see where the needs are and the strengths of each individual student. Those are also tied with mental health and also tied with substance. If things are not going well in school or mental health, they would need that.
- Ms. French: I have a question.
- Ms. McGhehey: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- Ms. French: First of all, thank you so much for the work that you all do because it's so important for the community. Just thinking about some of the pocket communities, I was wondering if there's anything specific for Miami students, but those who live off campus? Because I think HAWKS does such an amazing job with students on campus. I think the off campus community still has students who struggle and they may not... They may feel a little bit more cut off from the on campus services.
- Ms. McGhehey: I completely understand that. Hawks, I know does walkabouts throughout the community, they do reverse trick or treat, which has some interesting stuff in their bags. That's a good point that you make. In one of the mental health groups, they were even talking about how some students are not wanting to go on campus for services because of it being tied to the university. That's another reason why we're trying to bring providers to the area and entice individuals to come. I'll certainly bring that back to Leslie.
- Ms. French: Thanks. Then I have one more question. With the overlap of substance abuse disorder and other despair impact related things, the first thing that came to mind is the overlap of substance use disorder and suicide. Are there referral processes for somebody who may be coming in initially for substance use, but then also has some of these comorbid mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, suicidality, things like that?
- Ms. McGhehey: Yes. I'm actually at a social work program right now at Miami, getting my Masters. I believe that would be a part of the initial assessment when somebody would be coming in. I know that Miami is also doing some training in... QPR training. Yes. I almost said, SBIRT and I was like, "No wrong, wrong letters." Yes,

there is a huge tie in with that. I would hope that when some someone is coming in, depending on who they're talking to, that they can address that.

Ms. French: Great. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Thank you so much for your presentation.

Ms. McGhehey: Thank you so much for having me. I appreciate it.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Now we'll move to the public comments. Anyone wishing to address counsel about items not on the agenda or on the consent agenda, please come forward at this time. For reporting it, make sure to leave your name and address. You have up to five minutes to speak. Out of courtesy, I will be giving you giving a 15 second warning. No public comments. We'll move to our consent agenda. May we have a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Ms. French: So moved.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Second?

Ms. Franklin: Second.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Are there any items to be removed? All in favor of approving the consent agenda?

Group: Aye.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: All opposed? No removed items. We'll move towards our first resolution, if Heather could read it when ready.

Clerk: A resolution... It's supposed to be on, right?

Mr. Dreisbach: It's on.

Clerk: Hold please. Can you hear me now?

Mr. Elliott: Yeah.

Clerk: Oh, okay. Better. A resolution authorizing the city manager to accept The Oxford Community Foundation Grant in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Do we have a motion to adopt?

Ms. Franklin: So moved.

Ms. French: Second.

- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Perfect. Anyone from staff who would like to comment?
- Mr. Elliott: Yes. I'll take the comments for Casey, he's been excused from tonight's meeting. What we have here is a... We applied to the community foundation, Oxford Community Foundation for a grant in December of 2021. We were notified that we were awarded that grant in February of 2022. The grant request was for \$12,000 and these funds will help continue an ongoing project of renovating one large ball field at the Oxford Community Park into three smaller youth size fields. This will allow more games to be played there by little league and other tournaments such as that. We're recommending that you adopt this resolution this evening. I would be glad to answer any questions you have.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Are there any public comments? None. Any council discussion? We can do a voice vote. All in favor?
- Group: Aye.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any opposed? The resolution has been adopted. Okay, for second resolution.
- Speaker 3: A resolution authorizing the city manager to accept the Ohio department of natural resources grant in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Motion to adopt?
- Mr. Ellerbe: So moved.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Second?
- Ms. French: Second.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Go ahead, Mike.
- Mr. Dreisbach: Good evening. Congratulations to David Treleaven, our environmental specialist. He was successful in getting a \$10,000 grant from ODNR. This money is to be used to supplement the urban canopy, tree canopy. We've had losses from climate change and the Emerald Ash Borer. This money, which the city will match one for one, will be used to plant a lot more trees to this autumn. We need your permission to receive the funds. We recommend approval. Would be glad to answer any questions.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Seeing none. Counsel discussions?
- Mr. Prytherch: Just a question, Mike, into how you distribute the trees. Are these mainly going to be street trees in the tree lawn or something? What's going to be in the park? How do you decide where they go?

Mr. Dreisbach: Our first priority will be supplementing the Miles Square, where we've had loss. From there, if we have extra funds, we'll go to the park system.

Mr. Prytherch: Yeah, this is fantastic. Thanks to David for securing this grant.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any opposed? Third resolution.

Clerk: A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a site access agreement to with the Owl's Landing Subdivision Developer.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Motion to adopt?

Ms. Franklin: So moved.

Mr. Prytherch: Second.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any staff comments?

Mr. Dreisbach: The city's been working with the developer at Owl's Landing and we require two easements along Brookville road for the construction of the OATS trail. This has been a complicated procedure based on the sale and the closing date from the prior owners to Todd Holmes. This resolution, which goes hand in hand with the ordinance number three on first reading, allows the city to work with the developer to obtain these two easements that are necessary for the OATS Trail. It helps protect the interest of Todd Holmes by working with the city to allow for utilities and roadway connections and things of that nature, where we are acquiring these easements.

This is a synergistic situation where both parties have to work together. We need to do this by March 25th so that we can certify our right of way in easement acquisition to ODOT. They won't review final plans until we complete that step. When we get to the ordinances, you'll notice that we do request that be emergency so that it becomes effective after the second reading immediately. That way we'll meet our deadline with ODOT. I'll be glad to answer questions.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Seeing none. Council discussion?

Mr. Prytherch: Can you just clarify for me, Mike, the ordinances are actually accepting the easement but this resolution is to develop an agreement so that the developer can enter in upon that easement?

Mr. Dreisbach: Yes.

- Mr. Prytherch: While they're under construction.
- Mr. Dreisbach: Yes. It protects both parties' interests and it gives the city manager and law director the ability to negotiate this agreement with Todd Holmes.
- Mr. Prytherch: This is just for long Brookville road? There's a spur of the trail that was planned for the center of the development. This doesn't pertain to that.
- Mr. Dreisbach: It's just for the easements along with Brookville.
- Mr. Prytherch: Okay.
- Mr. Conard: If I can add, this is really a timing issue. The closing between the developer and the sellers was yesterday, that real estate transfer has not been recorded yet. We can't get the easement in the city's name and record it until the developer actually owns the property. It's timing issue. We expect that the property will have been transferred into Todd Holmes' LLC or whatever entity he's decided to transfer the property for the purpose of the development. Then when we come back for the emergency approval, we will know the transfer has been done. Then we can record before that deadline on March 25th. Simply, guys, Mike said, he did a great job of summarizing, it's a timing issue. The developer has been very, very easy to work with on this towards this common goal because there's been some fits and starts all related to the timing of the closing of the real estate sale.
- Mr. Prytherch: I just wanted express my gratitude. If you can convey it to him then also to you guys are working with him, because our ability to do the trail and accept our grant is conditioned upon the ability to have... I mean, a lot of moving parts that have to come together for this trail. We can't take that for granted with property owners. I'm really appreciative of the developer and you guys have been able to be creative. I look forward to this trail segment coming this... under construction this summer, right?
- Ms. Greene: If we meet our deadline, yeah.
- Mr. Prytherch: If we meet our deadline. Okay.
- Mr. Dreisbach: There are a lot of floating pieces still. We need ODOT approval and there's a lot of things beyond our control before we are allowed to go out for a bid. This is another step of progress.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: All in favor?
- Group: Aye.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any opposed? Move towards our ordinances and our first reading for the first reading.

- Clerk: An ordinance approving the final subdivision application and plat for South Forest Edge, section two, with conditions.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Public comments?
- Mr. Perry: Good evening. Thank you. There it is. All right. You've seen this before, you may remember last April, of the South Forest Edge and the Lake Forest Drive, the 21 lot plane development. The distinction with that, that was the plan, this was the plat. The land can't be divided and recorded and sold unless this plat is allowed to be approved and recorded. It can't be recorded unless all of the bonds and the documentation, which hasn't been done yet. This step would allow the developer to proceed with those documentations, which are in the staff report, the financial instrument to secure the public improvements and those types of things. Lake Forest Drive on 27 South is where this is located. There's 21 lots for single family development and a new 28 foot wide street. You may remember there was discussion about connectivity to the east and the rural area, those kinds of things, if you were part of that discussion. This is just for dividing the land on a plan that has already been approved. It's essentially an administrative function. Happy to answer any questions you might have.
- Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? Seeing none. Council discussion?
- Mr. Prytherch: Can you help understand this, Sam, we approved the preliminary and it was a subdivision, right? This is the final subdivision?
- Mr. Perry: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- Mr. Prytherch: But typically does it not have... Typically, we have decision standards that mean it conforms with the preliminary, but this is even more proforma than that. Is this the final subdivision approval? Basically what is it reviewed administratively in those standards?
- Mr. Perry: Yes, it is.
- Mr. Prytherch: Because this was simple report here because it complies with the conditions in the preliminary?
- Mr. Perry: Actually, this is part of a 53 acre parcel. There's more land to the north. This is 17 acres of the 53 for that final plat.
- Mr. Prytherch: After this, they're good to go other than the other administrative approvals that need to happen?
- Mr. Perry: There's some more documentation that has to be done, but that can be all handled administratively.
- Mr. Prytherch: This didn't need to come before the planning commission, is that...

Mr. Perry: Right.

Mr. Prytherch: ... allows it direct back to council?

Mr. Perry: Correct, because it's consistent with the previously approved plan. There's not a need for that planning commission step.

Mr. Prytherch: Thank you.

Mr. Perry: Good question.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: This is the first reading. We'll not be voting on it now. For the second first reading.

Clerk: An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the planning commission and approving the final plan development application to allow for further commercial development on an 11.28 acre site incorporating the Mayday gun range to contain a new business incubator and storage facility with conditions.

Mr. Perry: All right. I'm back. You may remember this project in the past of the Mayday gun range. There was a preliminary plan that came through council. This is the final for phase one. Not for the complete expansion of it. This slide just says the location of it. It's an unusually shaped site. It has two very narrow frontages, 11 acre site. It touches Ringwood Road by about 50 feet and 27 north, around 30 to 40 feet. That's a little bit unusual, but it is an industrially zoned site and an opportunity for some non residential development. We don't see that too often. We're excited about the possibility there for some development, potentially some job creation in the future.

The plan for the phase one is to develop in the area that's to the south. I'll show you on another slide, the actual plan itself. The portions closer to 27 are undetermined at this point, but there's a general layout of what that would look like. You may remember some of that discussion before. In this slide, you can see the gun range that's existing and then some additional development around it. That would be part of phase one. Then the parts that are closer to 27, those actual details are undetermined at this point. Those would be future phases. The developer is not sure whether they would be single phases or additional phases, or if one tenant would the remainder of the site all at once, which would be acceptable as well.

Business incubator or storage use. There are, I think up to seven tenants in the bus business incubator space. You may remember that discussion a little bit of outdoor RV storage along the railroad tracks. The bulk of the discussion at the planning commission actually had to do with connectivity for pedestrian connectivity to 27. Staff had a recommendation for that. Then the planning commission discussed that a little bit too, just because of the unknown nature of how this area would develop and whether it was even reasonable to design

something that would connect to 27, then have to remove it later. The consensus was to actually require the connection of the Ringwood Road, which was not part of the original approval of the Mayday Gun Range, and also add some contribution for connectivity from that driveway to 27 as well.

Because we weren't really prepared for that detail, when that meeting... We reworded that condition again, to give it a little bit more detail. That's what ended up getting in the staff report and recommendation and the ordinance that was drafted. That's a long circuitous way to say that we think it's pretty close to what the planning commission wanted. Obviously the applicant can speak to that as well. Happy to answer any questions you might have. There's a lot of unknown in the future there with the future phases might be, but we'd like to help get the applicant to a point where they can start doing some additional development around the gun range.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any public comments? You would like to say something?

Mr. Webb: Okay, good evening. Vice mayor, members of council. It's my first time in front of the new council. Glad to be here to present this project this evening. I was honestly expecting a little more detail from staff. We've been through quite a process over the last couple years, trying to get this thing developed. I'd like to maybe take a minute and get a little big picture here for the benefit of some of the new council members. This is 11.2 acres. It represents 11 of the 15 undeveloped acres that the city has in the light industrial district. This is the lion share of the opportunity to create jobs. Because of the odd shape of the land, this is a panhandle lot, the only opportunity to do any more development in this site is through a plan development. That's what's brought us here to council this evening.

Being a plan development, that also means that everything is on the developer's ticket, so to speak. All the streets that are being constructed here are private. The sidewalks are private. All the utilities are private, not just from a construction standpoint, but for a long term maintenance standpoint, they'll be responsible for their own snow removal, all of this stuff. It represents a pretty big investment in the city to do this. We've taken a couple of years in getting here. We started a couple years back on a very similar plan, an internal loop road, and came to planning commission for a concept review. The fire department spoke up and said they really wanted to have a second access point to this property. We went back to the drawing board, as Sam pointed out, we have a little frontage there on US 27. Seemed to be the way to provide the second way access to this development.

We presented that to staff. Engineering decided that really wasn't a good idea, so that didn't make it to planning commission. That got scrapped. We came back again this time with the loop road, we've since negotiated with the church to the north here. As you see, there's a little spot that we've arranged that we could get a fire truck to go from the church's parking lot onto our property to

provide that second means of access that the fire department was interested in. Also, as we were in the process of round three here, it came to light from staff that the city is looking for a future collector road in this area that would require a hundred feet of right of way. You can see just to the south of this property, there's a very narrow 60 foot wide parcel that goes from US 27 to the railroad tracks.

Our offer was, how about you get 60 feet from that person, we'll offer you 40 feet of the south side of this property. Now you have your potential hundred feet. Keep in mind that the city's not interested in buying this 40 feet at this point as an easement, as a public right of way. Just on the goodness of the developer, we decided to just stay away from that. If you do want to come back to buy this sometime in the future for this collector road, then that's available also. That was another thing that we've incorporated in here.

When the gun range was developed, there was no sidewalk ordinance in the city. It was determined by planning commission and city council at the time that the sidewalk to Ringwood Road would probably go nowhere. We didn't see a huge need for sidewalk to service the gun range. But when we made it to planning commission for our first actual preliminary in the meantime, in the year or so that passed, the city passed the sidewalk ordinance, the complaint streets program. That connectivity is key for planning commission right now.

When we came to planning commission for the preliminary, the staff report suggested that we provide the sidewalk at the end of the little panhandle, so to speak, that 50 foot right of way. That's typical. Even if you're the first... Someone has to be the first sidewalk. The idea was, "Okay, let's put the sidewalk along Ringwood Road and we'll proceed from there." Planning commission was less enthused about that and went beyond staff's recommendation and suggested that actually a pedestrian connection to US 27 would be really important. Back to the drawing board we went again and worked out a way to do that.

Some of you may recall, the ones that were on council when I was here last time with the preliminary, that this is a bridge that we're talking about, connect a sidewalk to US 27. We have Bayer Becker here, who's done the engineering of the site. If you've been out by there, you see the entire site slopes toward US 27. It's about 12 feet. US 27 is about 12 feet in the air from the ditch on that side. Resulted in about a 75 foot bridge, 12 feet in the air. It's unbelievably expensive. Again, to my earlier point, everything in this development is private. It's not public. My clients simply do not want to build or own or ensure a 75 foot bridge over this ditch on US 27.

When we went to city council, they were not... So to speak, were not thrilled with the idea of not doing the bridge. In discussion of planning commission last time, I think it was Dr. Prytherch who suggested that... I made the pitch that maybe we could at least push this down to phase two. My clients are coming in

here bearing the entire burden of this, not just to prepare the development for construction but are actually going to be the first two businesses in the development. This is a huge investment for them. We simply ask planning commission, "Okay, if you're not going to let go of this bridge, could we at least kick this can down the road a little bit to phase two so that we have an opportunity to recover some of the investment that they've made thus far?"

Seemed like that started to go well. Then planning commission pointed out that sometimes phase two never happens. What happens if phase two never happens? Then we never get our sidewalk. They kicked around the idea of maybe we could put a sunset on. That if phase two isn't developed within three to five years, you have to build a bridge anyway. Conversation moved around back toward phase one. The notion that since we don't know what the rest of this development is going to look like, this could be three or four buildings. It'd be great if we could have one big employer take the whole thing. We simply don't know at this point. We'd like to not do the bridge.

The discussion then centered on, what if we ran a sidewalk along the entrance drive to the gun range? Currently doesn't have a sidewalk there. You recall it wasn't required by planning or counsel at the time. Now it is. So we said, "Well, how about we go out that way? Then we could work our way back. There's one empty lot adjacent to the panhandle. Then there's the church on the corner. Perhaps we could make our way around that direction instead." I spoke on behalf of my clients and said, "We came into this meeting expecting that we were going to build one sidewalk. We'd candidly much rather build it on flat ground, rather own one on flat ground than opposed to a bridge." We'll look at taking it out Ringwood Road. That's where we left planning commission.

Now since then, the staff report and the ordinance that you have in front of you tonight, it's a little bit different than that. The ordinance tonight says that, "Yes, you have to build the sidewalk along Ringwood Road, up to Ringwood Road in phase one." That was expected. Staff has come up with something called a proportionate impact, which I don't think is something that actually exists in our code or anywhere. I don't know how you would determine a proportionate impact that this development would have on the need for a sidewalk here. I'm a little concerned about the language there. An ordinance will be binding on my clients, and it's using a term that simply is unknown. We have no idea what you mean by proportionate impact. The standard is, I'm sure you all know, is you pay proportionally based on your frontage in most cases in the city. Perhaps the 50 foot frontage isn't really enough sidewalk for 11 acres here. Nonetheless, I think creating a new methodology on the fly of a proportionate impact to be born by the developer for this is a bit of a blind guess for us at this point.

Then lastly, the last part of your ordinance says, "Okay, even if you do put the sidewalk along Ringwood Road and you agree to pay the proportionate impact fee for running the sidewalk on Ringwood Road down to US 27, you still might have to do the bridge in a later phase." It's just simply too much. We have been

working with the city for two years now on this. Each time we come, the goalposts just keeps getting moved farther and farther away. The notion of trying to do two sidewalks that include a bridge for a storage facility, it's just more than the project simply can bare. My clients are here this evening to say that if all of this is the ordinance and this comes in, we're just going to withdraw the project.

It's just simply not feasible to do absolutely everything that you've asked us to do over the course of the last two years. Not two sidewalks, not the bridge. We left planning commission saying we would consider the Ringwood Road access. The code actually says though to provide pedestrian connectivity. Doesn't say we have to do it two times, or we have to do it to every road that we touch. You would just like your consideration on revising some of the wording in the ordinance to be a little more fair to the investment that my clients are making here to try to develop this property and provide some jobs for this.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Thank you. Any public comments? Council discussion?

Mr. Prytherch: I think that the language constructed by staff reflects the conversation and the planning commission. In part because unless I'm mistaken, what we're asked to review is just phase one. The rest of them are light lines on phase two. We don't know what's going to happen there. We really haven't yet... Phase two is phase two and that's really not before us. Phase one is what's in front of us. I will say back in general that it's... I think the council's really supportive of this development of some non-residential uses. It may not be the job generator we hoped for, much of it is storage units, but it's economic development. It will generate traffic. It will generate automobile traffic, it will generate some other forms of traffic. I think our codes and our standards insist that this has pedestrian connectivity.

Ringwood Road is now part of the city of Oxford, it's a city street. We're committed to pedestrian connectivity. What we concluded is A) that a sidewalk connection really should be made to Ringwood Road no matter what. And the idea of proportionality is actually a legal standard. When you talk about things like developments that generate on and offsite impacts, that the developer... It's called an exaction, that the developer should be proportionally responsible for what those offsite impacts were. If this development were going to all of a sudden overload the intersection of Ringwood Road, that upgrading the signal might be the matter of negotiation between the city and the developer because the public shouldn't bear the cost. We're talking about a sidewalk connection of Ringwood Road and then some proportion. I think that's a matter of negotiation, but I think the developer and the city are capable of negotiating, what would be fair... If it's unfair, they could come to the courts and say it was unfair. I think there will be a rationale for what's proportional.

As for what happens with phase two, I don't think... This is just phase one. To ask for our language to bind as to what happens in phase two, just I think get

ties the hands of the future council planning. The language just basically commits to what the planning commission said, and doesn't find the future council in determining what the solution is. Is that about right, Mr. Perry? I don't think we're saying what's going to happen there. It's been engineered, that could be. But they're just dotted lines on a map now. I don't think we can prejudice what those conversations are. I appreciate all the back and forth. I think this is going to be a good industrial development, and I think it should provide a sidewalk connection. As for what happens as phase two, we can talk about that later.

Mr. Ellerbe: Hey Scott, what's your ideal situation with, let's just say, if you were able to edit this ordinance, what would you want it to read? Or what would your client wanted it to read?

Mr. Webb: Dr. Prytherch is correct. We are just here for phase one. I tried to acknowledge the notion of what if phase two never happens, maybe we don't get the sidewalk. We frankly thought we left the meeting saying, "Okay, well, let's just do our connectivity in phase one. Then we don't have to worry about a sunset. We don't have to worry about phase two. We don't have to own a bridge. Let's just do it this way instead." The language currently says, "You got to potentially do both." This is one planned development we are coming through with our engineering approval. As you know, final developments are primarily engineering exercises, as long as we don't change any of the concepts that we presented to you from a design state. I would like you to go back to considering this as an entire development. This entire development is providing pedestrian connectivity to Ringwood Road. We're meeting the code and the requirement to provide pedestrian connectivity.

The language that says, "You may have to do it a second time," is the part that we are unhappy with. That even if we spend all the money to build this entire sidewalk in phase one and take on all the debt of all the construction, everything else of phase one, only to find out we're going to be surprised by a hundred thousand dollars bridge in phase two. If we're going to provide one, we would prefer to do it now. We think it meets both the intent of the zoning code and the direction of the planning commission in that let's make sure it happens in phase one, so we know we're going to get our sidewalk. We would just simply like to have the second part of the ordinance where staff specifically says the construction of this sidewalk is does not include... that you may still have to do another one in phase two.

Ms. Franklin: I hear a lot of frustration. I'm just wondering the extent to which this process is typical or atypical of other developments that might happen over the course of a couple of years. It sounds like there were some changes in city values over the time, complete streets, those types of things. Is this unusual in terms of changes, pretty typical? Just in history, if possible.

Mr. Perry: Most of the developments we have have a lot more frontage and there's already a design in place for how the right of way is going to be improved. As David referred to, I think maybe you said something about a rural road that had been expanded into, and I think that's what the challenge here, is it is unusual. There's not really a lot of precedent for this. To respond to Mr. Webb's statement about preventing them from having to do a second connection, I think that concern from staff arises out of the fact that a preliminary plan or a final plan actually would say what is going to happen. This project doesn't have the rest of that. To Glenn's comment, if you wanted to entertain the idea of not having them required to do that second connection, we could write it to just say the opposite. It will not be required in the future. That's not a problem, but that would be assuming that the development that had happens in phase two or three or four or whatever would not generate any need for that connection.

The short answer is there's not really a precedent for this kind of project. The closest thing we would have would be smaller scale commercial developments, where all of the frontage is directly on the street. Some recent restaurant projects or commercial developments, where if there's not a public sidewalk, they just built it right along their frontage. In this case, because the level of unknown and the fact that it is a plan development, planning commission felt that. I think the code would support that there would be a determination of connectivity based on recent policy. I think typically what staff would do is negotiate that outside of the public forum. We did attempt to do that, obviously that didn't happen. That's okay. Now you have to weigh that. We can take the feedback from those of you that have spoken and from Mr. Webb and try it again between the first and second reading and see if we can come up with something that's reasonable. If you all want to go around and weigh in on what you think is fair, that's fine. That will help us as we negotiate.

Mr. Webb: Yes. In fact, we don't know what's going to happen in phase two in terms of users, but we do know what's going to happen in phase two in terms of land. We presented at planning commission last month, that in order to build phase one, we have to grade and design and put utilities in the entire site. Retention basin is at the low point of the site up against US 27. That's not going to move. The ditch isn't going to move. No matter what we put in phase two, whether it's one building or three buildings, the bridge is not going to change. The retention is not going to change. The retention has been designed for the entire development and has to be constructed in the first phase.

The place up here in the corner where we're going to walk along the of the retention basin until you get to a bridge to get to 27 isn't going to change in phase two. It has to be constructed in phase one, the retention pond for the entire development. It's not like phase two is going to change the problem of the bridge down the road. It's still going to be a bridge. The ditch is still there. Yes, we don't know who the users are, but we do know the topography. We do know the challenge.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: How does everyone else feel?

Mr. Ellerbe: They said they were going to commit the 40 feet that is adjacent to the 60 feet that is... I don't know who owns that, but if we have to annex that or not annex that, I'm sorry. What is that called?

Mr. Conard: Appropriate.

Mr. Ellerbe: Thank you. Appropriate it. If they're willing to commit to that in writing somewhere, maybe as part of this ordinance, because then complete streets would have to apply to that particular street, which means there would be a sidewalk there. That would satisfy those conditions indefinitely in the future, should we choose to do that. I don't want to see an economic development project stalled because of a sidewalk. Now at the same time, I do understand that we have to have multimodal transportation. Once we do this one time, it's going to sit in there and that's going to be it. I think the Ringwood thing needs to happen. The Ringwood sidewalk definitely needs to happen.

Regarding the... What was it, impact type of thing. That's a question mark because I know that has been conceptualized but I don't believe it's ever been used as a precedent. I don't want something that's unprecedented hinging on a project happening or not happening. I would rather do hypothetical things on something that will definitely happen. Those are the three things that I'm thinking about here, is if they commit to making sure that that 40 feet is always there and they do the sidewalk up to where they said they were going to do that sidewalk, according to how are complete streets policies laid out, I'm okay with this. Because it's just phase one that we're considering right now. I don't want to mire a project in hypotheticals in the future now knowing additional information that I don't remember talking about before. I don't think we talked about a 12 foot chasm regarding that sidewalk the last time we were discussing sidewalk and egress and other things like that.

Ms. French: I think for me, the Ringwood Road sidewalk, yes, makes a ton of sense. The conditionals are... I can definitely see the concern here of what could this become down the road since it's conditional. There are a lot of question marks about phase two. To me, because there are so many question marks about what's upcoming, taking that out feels like we're closing a door instead of keeping it open to options. I guess my question would be, does this conditional clause in here, does that facilitate a conversation? Would that ever come back to council if something bubbles up that we need for that provisional impact? Okay. I think if we get a chance to have it as a conversation and not just a "do this" then I'm okay with it in the sense that I just... There's so many question marks about what phase two, it may not even just be a phase two but a three or a four. Let's say the RV store worked amazingly. Then we have to plant a stoplight Ringwood or something like that. I think keeping that door open to those future conversations is important.

Ms. Franklin: What's the worst case scenario from the city's perspective? If we said, "We'll take out all those other contingencies, then what's the worst situation that we would face?"

Mr. Perry: Thinking of pedestrian connectivity, maybe, or even vehicle traffic. I think the main point for these kinds of reviews is determine what potential public costs could be mitigated by making sure that the development is bearing those costs. It's hard to anticipate what a worst case scenario would be without knowing what the full buildout would be. Just to try to understand a future cost on a public improvement, maybe it's a traffic signal, maybe it's an extra turn lane. Maybe it's a road widening. Ringwood Road is a rural road. There's not really a shoulder. It's not really designed for urban activity with street lights, street tree, sidewalks, those kinds of things. If that became a desire of the community, to have it more of an urbanized roadway, then that cost probably should have been predicted through the process of this development.

The Ringwood Road is in a way already been partially developed. Some of that is already set. A worst case scenario is really looking at what a future capital improvement... When you do the review on the budget and you're looking at those capital improvement costs, we don't know what that's going to look like in 10 or 20 years. I think to Counselor Ellerbe's question, is the risk of losing out on economic development worth not having this happen because of additional costs? There's a degree of trust that has to be placed in the testimony to see that, "Okay, this may not work out." That's really where you have to weigh those goals. I hope that helps a little bit, but it's really the public infrastructure I think is where it would affect the community the most, the general fund, that type of thing.

Mr. Prytherch: I think the narrative here has gotten it somewhat backwards from the way the planning commission, when presented with this really expensive engineering solution to go directly to 27, we were highly sympathetic to the developer. It felt like that was an awfully expensive way to solve the pedestrian connection. The idea of going to Ringwood Road was in great sympathy to that while that's... We have a goal, pedestrian connectivity but if it requires a length of bridge, then so we... Some of this back and forth is a back and forth of trying to meet the developer in the middle. While we're asking the developer to bear proportional cost, because should the city provide a sidewalk to connect a new development, if the development generates the need for the sidewalk? We'll meet them in the middle. I think literally, we'll find a way to pay for half and they'll pay for his half, or whatever that proportionality is.

I think that we were trying to see that this development went forward and release them of some burdens. I think Counselor French really just summarized our thought. There's so many uncertainties, including the fact that there's a right of way to the south of this property that could become a roadway in the future. I really appreciate all the engineering that went into the bridge, but this ordinance doesn't talk anything about a bridge. It talks about providing sidewalk

conductivity phase one. As for what happens in phase two, will be... We'll go through this whole conversation over again, starting of the administrative and the planning commission and coming here and these conversations will happen then.

If that council at that time decides that it a connection directly to 27 is infeasible and desirable, that could be a decision that council planning commission makes. I don't want to prejudice or tie those hands in the future. I think this is a good development. I think the gun range should have had a sidewalk connection back when. We've been struggling with Ringwood Road for a while about whether we should, how we get there. I think a partnership will enable us to build the infrastructure to meet... This is a new urban development, pretty easy. Again, supportive. I hope you view that this has been not like... We're trying to meet the development in the middle.

Mr. Bracken: I don't know if I agree with everything that was just said. It's not about the bridge. In fact, proportionality makes sense because it has a very low percentage that already has a proportionate sidewalk. People coming in, it could be much larger. It's about public obligation.

Ms. French: Question, you both mentioned that the... If I'm reading this correctly, the newly proposed .5 here does on the second page mention, "As part of future phase of the business park development by way of constructing an additional walkway and/or bridge at the northeastern corner of the site to connect the US 27 sidewalk." The word "bridge" is still in it. Sam, is that something that we consider making that more vague at minimum?

Mr. Bracken: Yeah. It seemed like an option that was froze at one point. Then I thought we were very sympathetic too. We were working on all these other options to... I think preferred would be a sidewalk.

Mr. Prytherch: I don't know what if one could remove... I could make this as a motion that we could remove walkway and/or bridge and just say direct pedestrian's connection. Again, that's not prejudice in future conversations, just how that needs to be engineered.

Mr. Webb: As I said, this isn't a mystery. We've done the survey, we know the topography, this isn't really going to change. Just as a last point, and then I'll be done for this evening. Thank you. I appreciated the planning commission when planning commission seemed like they understood the expense of the bridge and said, "Let's look at this other option instead." The ordinance came out, not that you saved us any money, but we might have to do both. That's the problem. That is not empathetic toward the cost. You just added cost. You didn't allow us an option to substitute. We ended up with both, the way the ordinance is.

Mr. Prytherch: Yes, but Scott is this the entire... Are we reviewing the entire phase or are we reviewing one phase of the planned development?

Mr. Webb: Well, you are doing the final engineering revision of this.

Mr. Prytherch: Of one phase and phase two is in the future?

Scott: Sure.

Mr. Prytherch: I don't think you've been obliged to do anything. In my interpretation, I think it can't be one or the other. It can't be, this is the entire or it's a phase, it's one of the two. It's good to have the big picture, but I think right now, the only thing that this approves are the hard lines of phase one. Legally, is that right, Mr. Perry? Phase two is subject for future conversation. I'm sure the client wants security going forward, but we as a city, can't lock ourselves into not fulfilling our rules and code. Either way, one of us has our options limited, or at least there's some unknown. We're good faith actors. We're not going to suddenly build all the sidewalk and a bridge and then have something else. We're going to be reasonable about this like we always have. Right now, we're on phase one.

Mr. Ellerbe: I would agree with Mrs... Miss or Mrs, I'm not sure. Counselor Fringe's amendment, because I don't think that we necessarily have to have that specificity in that. That would allow a lot more flexibility. We're just really worried about... The end goal here is to make sure that there's some pedestrian way to get to this facility. Doesn't necessarily need to be a bridge, doesn't necessarily need to be a sidewalk. That way, we just want something that pedestrians can get to where they need to.

Now it brings up another concern for me. I want to make sure that the city has that availability for that land in case we do want to build that road. I would like to see something in there that says, "If you guys are going to commit to that, commit to it in writing so that we have it." Now I understand good faith, but there have been several times that I've sat up here where people have come up in here in good faith and then completely reverse their course. I don't like seeing that. Now I ask for those types of things that are in good faith to be in writing. For your consideration between now and the second reading.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Does that give you enough direction Sam?

Mr. Perry: No, but we'll work it out.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Okay, we did our job. For our third first reading.

Clerk: An emergency ordinance accepting easements necessary for the construction of phase four of the Oxford Area Trail System.

Mr. Dreisbach: Again, this ties with resolution number three, and it is an emergency so that we can make it effective upon your approval on March 15th.

Mr. Ellerbe: So moved.

Mr. Dreisbach: Pardon me.

Ms. French: Second.

Mr. Dreisbach: Nothing further, your honor.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: I don't think you normally have to do that, but thank you for moving it. Are there any public comments? I'm seeing none. Council discussion? Let's go on to our fourth first reading.

Clerk: An ordinance amending ordinance number 3654, supplemental budget ordinance, number three, to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022.

Mr. Newlin: Yes. This piggybacks on the resolution accepting the \$12,000 grant from the community foundation. Also Casey's also able to get a \$6500 from the rotary club. \$5000 of that will go towards the athletic field renovations. \$1500 will go to, they have these trailer out there that they used to use for concessions, and they're going to help and they are looking to have mobile camp opportunities for the community. This would help retrofit that trailer to accommodate those goals. On the revenue side, the \$1500 will go into the capital equipment fund and \$17,000 will to the capital improvement fund. Then on the expenditure side, there's \$1500, the capital equipment fund and the \$17000 and the capital improvement fund. These are one of those good ones where money comes in and it covers an expense. We're not spending extra city money. Plus it helps the athletic field to get done in a quicker timeframe and is possible because of constraints on how much money the city can spend each year.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Thank you. Any public comment? Council discussion? Seeing none and we have no second readings. We'll move to announcements and communications.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, your honor. Just a few quick things, if I could, please. I did speak to Mike Everett this afternoon concerning the hospital. As I'm sure you probably guessed, they're back to normals as I said the last time. He did state this afternoon, they had two pending patients. One asymptomatic and one possibly suspected. When I spoke to him, they did not have any current positive cases in the hospital. Of course, as we all know in Ohio, the average number of new COVID 19 cases per day for this week dropped to just over 1000 from a high six weeks ago of 27840. That's good news for our state and we hope that trend continues.

Then a couple of other notices, I just want to remind you all that we have our council retreat Friday, March 11th, from 12 to five at Houston Woods. Our assistant city manager, Jessica Greene, will be facilitating that for us. Then also we are expecting, as I believe I mentioned that the last council meeting, that our sister city will have some local government representatives from our sister city, Differdange, Luxembourg here. April 1st through the 6th, probably more like the

4th through the 6th because I think they're going to do some sight seeing in Ohio on Friday and Saturday. Then they'll join us here in Oxford on Sunday, and they'll be leaving Wednesday morning. We're going to put together a schedule along with Miami University. I'll keep you all posted on that. I hope you can join us. That's all I have this evening, your honor. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Mr. Dreisbach?

Mr. Dreisbach: Just thank you for your patience tonight. We shared this building with the area court and several other groups. We're not always in control of our own electronics. I apologize that one of the mics was dead this evening. Thanks, Heather, for tolerating that and using an alternate. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Chief Jones?

Chief Jones: Nothing tonight, thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Mr. Newlin?

Mr. Newlin: Nothing tonight, thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Mr. Perry?

Mr. Perry: Nothing tonight, thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Ms. Greene?

Ms. Greene: Good evening. I just want to give you a brief update on our outreach for public input on the comprehensive plan. We have moved our second public input meeting from the 21st to the 18th because of a conflict with the school board. We've moved it to April 18th and we'll start shouting that from the roof tops here pretty quickly. I also want to let you know that we are taking great efforts to reach out to what I'm calling... Just making sure that we hear every voice. We are doing a few focus groups with minority and women owned business owners, with individuals who are low to moderate income, and also with our large lawyers. We're doing invitations to focus groups for those individuals, trying to make sure we hear those voices.

We were doing a social campaign for an online survey, and we're going to ask people to please enter those surveys and paper versions. It's going to be online, postcards around town and there's also paper versions. We're going to be accepting those through March 25th. What that allows for is time for our consultants to analyze the data that's come in, come back to the steering committee with what they're hearing. Then again, back to the full public on April 18th. At that April 18th, I like to think of it as a funnel. We have all these ideas and information coming in and then MKSK is going to interpret that and

say, "Well, this is what we could do. Here's some things that we could possibly respond to. Here's some ideas."

That's the next phase. At that public input session, people will say, "Cool, that's awesome." Or, "No, you've got it wrong." It's a feedback loop, but I want people to know that I want you to stay engaged through every process to make sure that we're hearing things correctly and responding correctly. I just wanted to give you that update this evening. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Ms. Barbour?

Clerk Barbour: Nothing. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Mr. Conard?

Mr. Conard: Good evening, council. As you know, I typically don't talk. There's something I want to bring to the attention of council. At this level that where we are and the development of the Oaks Trail with the eventual goal of connectivity. As you know, this is a marathon, it's going to take a while raising the money and that the progress has been really good. One of the reasons why it was able to go smoothly as it did is because it was all public land. We're now in the process, as the trail continues to move forward, that it will require some form of acquisition of interest to private property.

In this dealing with the site access agreement and dealing with private property owners there, the question continually comes up is, what liability exposure does the private property owner have if they won't sell the property but they simply would rather go the easement route? These people, they feel connected to their land and they don't want to just sell it outright. We'd have to subdivide and do some other things. The bottom line is from a city's perspective, we would rather just buy the land, but some property owners aren't comfortable doing that. I want to point this out.

The Ohio revised code 1533.181, 1533.181, makes it very clear that land that is designated for recreational users gives immunity to the property owner. That is a question that continually will come up. You may be asked that question and I want you to have that information so that if you are asked, you can give those answers. The other thing that I will say is that there are three options to acquire the interest. It would be easement, purchase and if you had to, you get to the appropriation point, which nobody wants to do. This is going to be, if I had to guess, I would say, it's going to be at least another decade to get through this. Again, many of you probably won't be on council as this continues. The more we can educate the public as to what the liability exposures are, address those concerns. In fact, in the easement draft in there, we specifically... I drafted the language that included reference to that statute in there to allay any property owner's concerns about that. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Councilor Ellerbe?

Mr. Ellerbe: Happy Mardi Gras, everybody. That's good for me.

Ms. French: Nothing for me.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Councilor Franklin?

Ms. Franklin: Today is the first day of women's history month. I just want to thank all of the women who are leaders in our community.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Councilor Bracken?

Mr. Bracken: Nothing, thank you.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Councilor Prytherch?

Mr. Prytherch: It's nice to have a Vice-Mayor Raghu leading the meeting. I just wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Oxford Tomorrow meetings on Zoom. It was unfortunate it was on Zoom. Ultimately I think that meant you were able to reach a lot of people, 150 or so people. If you participated, they were actively engaged, 150 really actively engaged people. Why that was so wonderful is that in a town of our size, 150 is a pretty decent standard size. It's not everybody, but we reached a lot of people and be the themes that... Sometimes we operate up here thinking we have a feeling, we think our community's telling us affordable housing is important. We think they're saying sustainability and climate is important. We think we hear them saying economic development is important.

We took a sample and those things that we've been working on are actually the top themes. I felt really good that what we've been trying to do and going into our retreat, the things we've been working on are pretty in sync with the things that our community thinks we should be working on. I think we're going to hear more out of the plan. There's a big picture priorities and also more specific things, but I'm really happy that we're doing this exercise. It's not cheap. It's a big investment of resources, of people. I think that's what... If you want to do good government, you have to find that public input. I'm really thankful that we've hired such good consultants. We have such great staff support. I encourage everyone to do social pinpoint and the ideas wall. Those things are up there. Attend the meeting on the 18th, which will be interesting.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: As we watch invasion of Ukraine unfold. I think it's easy to get depressed. You don't really know what to do to help. I think that I find a lot of comfort in helping people around us, helping our own community as a way of sending good faith and good will out into the world. I think it's also important to. It's important not to feel overwhelmed by these things and that we should never give away our joy. On that note, we will have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Ellerbe: So moved.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Second?

Ms. Franklin: Second.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Vice-Mayor Raghu: Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.